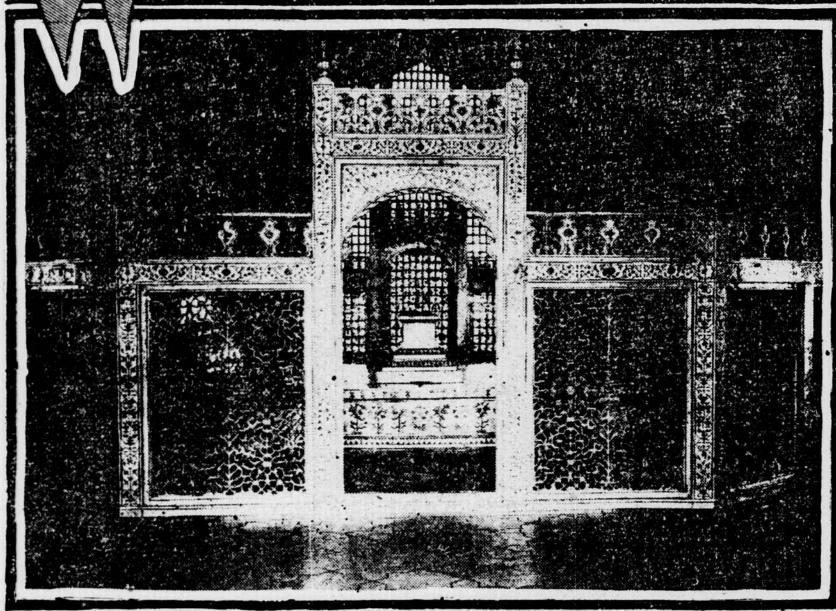
The Taj Mahal, Erected by a Mohammedan in Memory of His Wife



INSIDE THE TAJ - A MARBLE LACEWORK FENCE INLAID WITH JEWELS

Look at the World's A Most Beautiful Building-Its Bronze Lantern Presented by Lord Curzon-The Palaces of the Moguls and Their Gorgeous Harems-The Peacock Throne Which Cost Thirty-five Millions. was at 4 o'clock that heaven ever gave to man. The dark beauty. A step farther and you are in



of the best to view beauty of the scene. this mighty monucal sun then hangs As you go nearer the Taj its size

form and they cast long shadows upon marble foundation upon which it is built the white marble floor. Its rays have a covers three acres and at each corner Now climb again to the platform and

is situated is a wall of low buildings of waters in the midst of the ocean. As find one which reads as follows: dark red harmoniously joined to the great the sun touches the sea the latter apgate of the same material which forms pears to rise and pull it down, as it the entrance. The Taj is a mosque as were. When it is two-thirds submerged well as a tomb, and Mohammedans from it is of just the shape of the dome of the all parts of India come here to worship. Taj, perfect in every curve and wonder-The sandstone buildings about the gar- fully beautiful. dens are rest houses, in which pilgrims an afternoon green of the trees shuts out the view a long avenue where the trees overhang. that my turbaned on each side, and you look down over You have only a glimpse of the sky at me from my hotel the cuckatoos fly from tree to tree, the can book at the towers of the minarets to the Taj Mahal, sun turns the falling waters to diamonds, with the white bubble floating between. That hour is one and the rich colors of the Hindoo girls' Upon the minaret stands a Mohammedan

ble minarets at the corners of the plat- platform you realize its immensity. The perhaps ten acres in which the structure the tropical sun which the structure the structure the tropical sun which the structure the tropical sun which the structure the tropical sun which the structure the st

may stay over night. The gate at the Mahal. Every point of view gives a difis a wonder. It was built ferent impression and each has new twenty-eight rears after our Puritan beauties. Take a walk through the garis in perfect condition today. It is kinds gathered from all parts of the world. from the Koran. Entering it might be half way up the Andes. The one gets his first view of the Taj. He sees green is so thick that it shuts out all it looking over a long row of fountains else. Now take a step forward. The jewel framed against the clearest sky like branches half hide, but add to its the flashing waters at the great ivory the end. A step to the right and you monument. As you do so the crows caw, are in a rose garden, out of which you dresses add to rather than mar the iman, or priest, his red shawl shining ble. It is not hard to carry your imagination back for three or four centuries to hear the words: "Come to prayer, low in the teavens, rapidly increases, and when at last you and Mohammed is the prophet of God.

softening effect. The great building there is a tower of marble, or minaret, take a closer look at the building. Did changes from dazzling white to the rich as high as a seven-story house. The you ever see such workmanship? It is a The tombs of Shah Jehan and Muntaz grave and over it read the prayers for cream of old ivory and its mighty dome tomb itself covers almost an acre. It seems to rest more airly in the blue sky, is a building which rises to one-third the height of the Washington Monument and ed with beautiful carvings and are inlaid screen surrounding them is a mass the gardens about the Taj are height of the Washington Monument and with stones of many colors. Every angle of lacework cut out of marble set A little later he began the construction There is a sweet sing- the sky. The whole is of the purest white has its precious stones and these are com- in posts as exquisitely made as the most of this temple and tomb, employing an ing in the trees, the crows caw and the marble, so symmetrically joined that it bined in wreaths, scrolls and frets of expeacocks come out and walk seems to be carved out of one block. quisite design. The Taj flower, as it is peacocks come out and walk seems to be carved out of one block. Quisite design. The Taj flower, as it is enough of this marble lacework in the dome looks like a silvery bubble called, is cut in bas-relief here and there is enough of this marble lacework was begun within two years after across the lawns and in and out through the pines and tropical foliage.

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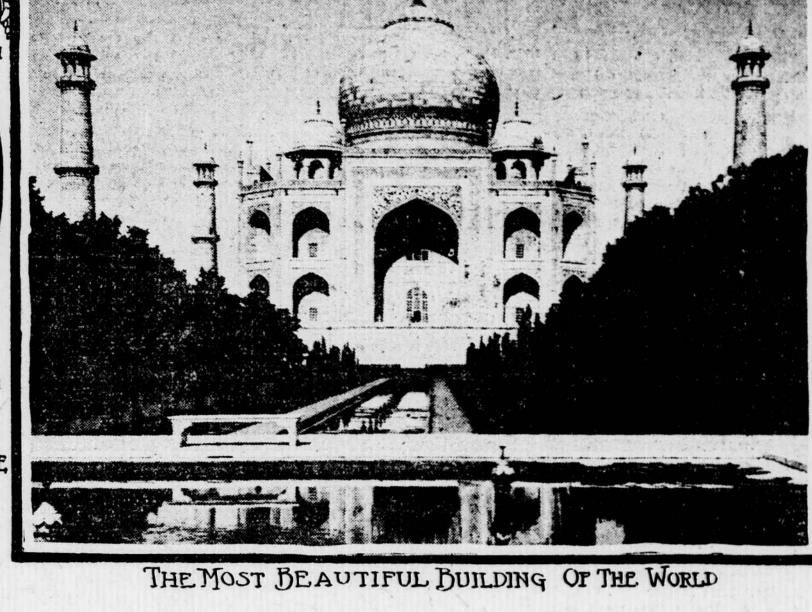
run around the door and here and there structure is a marvel well fitting the over the walls. They are of characters description of Bishop Heber, who said in black marble inlaid upon the white, that these Mohammedan artists de-Most of them are from the Koran, or Mo- signed like Titians and finished like hammedan Bible; most, but not all. I jewelers, adding that "it would be as "Saith Jesus, on whom be peace: world is a bridge. Pass thou over it, but feel the same and also much like the build thy soul not upon it. The world Russian artist who remarked when he is one hour. Give its minutes to thy looked upon the building: "The Taj is

prayers, for the rest is unseen. coves and everything is wonderfully aside at the least pretense for others it looking over a long row of fountains else. Now take a step forward. The carved. Right under the dome, surround-more beautiful. The T2j Mahal was built bordered with cypress trees and rising; as great monument is looking at you ed by a great fence of marble screens, by the Sultan Shah Jehan as a monuit were, out of the green. In the distance the building looks small. It is, I of the dome, but a tall palm has thrust I have of the most famous Mohams which rest Shah ment to his wife. This shah was a tance the building looks small. Jehan, one of the most famous Moham- mighty these tombs, hanging down by a gold ings and inlaid with jewels. He had one chain, is a lamp of bronze inlaid of the most gorgeous courts ever known throughout with silver and gold. It was and in his harem were ninety-nine wives. hung only a few months ago, and was a Of all these, however, he loved only the present from Lord Curzon to Agra. It bride of his boyhood, the fair Muntaz cost thousands of dollars, and took two Mahal, for whom this building was made, years to make. When it was sent here He married her before he came to the t was accompanied by a letter from Lord throne, and his relations with her were Curzon, in which he said: "I would beg that this lamp may always hang in the tomb as my last trib- lived happily together for seventeen ute of respect to the glories of Agra. wars. At the end of that time Muntaz which float like a vision of eternal beauty died and Shah Jehan went into mourning. in my memory, and to the grave and His grief was such that his hair became potent (Mohammedan) religion, which is

fellow-subjects in India.

This lilacs smell as to describe the Taj." I like a lovely woman. You may abuse her as you please, but the moment you come

the ideal ones of the Christian husband and wife. He was true to her and they white within a few weeks. During that professed by so many millions of our time he denied himself to courtiers and for two years refused all the pleasures of life. Every Friday, which is the Mohammedan Sunday, he visited his wife's



state quarries, and the precious stones, long. It has massive sandstone gates in- thrill as it touched the stone in the picgold and silver and mother-of-pearl used laid with marble and richly carved. Its tures that crowded before me. for the inlaying were gifts of rajahs and interior has an area equal to a good- During my visit to Delhi, I spent some all told something like \$35,000,000, or four aces, which surpassed in their splendor photographs in the famous audience hall times as much as our most beautiful the descriptions of Moore and Byron of of this same Shah Jehan. This room We take off into her presence you submit to her fas-our Moham- ciretten."

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The marble screen have visited the jeweled chamber in the and precious stones. The ceiling was of which I have described cost \$16,000, and it palace of Frederick the Great at Pots- solid silver, and when put up it cos Jahan set aside the revenue of thirty vil- stones, but it was only a pinchbeck apart- fersting upon it. It was in lages to keep it in order, and he covered ment in comparison with some of the this room that Shah Jehan sat in state his wife's sarcophagus with a pall em- rooms in this fort at Delhi. oroidered with pearls. The records say The palace here has interior walls probably read of it. It was

such a building, but I can tell you how tains and in one court the floor had been tion upon the wall, giving its translation. I feel. I would die tomorrow to have such divided up into a chess board upon which was:

of red sandstone. Around the garden of great structure below. It fits down like cost more than 10,000,000 rupes, and or less precious you might have an down one of them up to other subjects that I doubt it the shoulder hoping to find a stray gem.

Nevertheless the structure cost sized farm and its walls inclose the pal- time in the great palaces there, and took After the structure was completed Shah was walled with jewels and precious ants, which eat everything

"I asked my wife at the close of our tificial lake lying below and in a third session of the Shah of Persia. which the sultan played, using pretty

During my stay here and at Delhi 1 During my visit I went through some Lady Curzon was here I showed here have gone through many of the palaces page the the ladies of the harem and my through this room and explained all its have gone through many of the palaces past by the ladies of the harem and my

movements by his voice.

slave girls as pawns and directing the

sandstone, which came from the seventy feet high and more than a mile It was empty, but I could feel my flesh money to burn. One room of the palace ceiling cannot long last, for the white with her on state affairs and trusted her were stone three inches through. The itself was six feet long by four feet with the royal seal and took her along columns of some of the rooms were set wide, just about the size of the ordinary with him on one of his military cam- with costly jewels. There were tables double bed, and it stood on six massive paigns. She was noted for her beauty inlaid with precious stones, costly hang- feet, which, like the back, were of solid and charity and it is said that she was ings and rugs worth a king's ransom, gold inlaid with rubies, emeralds and religious and a special patron of indigent The best part of the palace was built by diamonds. Between the two peacocks orphans. Upon her tomb are now en- Shah Jehan and one of its most beau- was a parrot of the ordinary size, said graved the ninety-nine names of God tiful divisions was the harem where he to have been carved out of a single emerfrom the Koran and various Moham- kept his ninety-nine wives. I walked ald, and over the whole was a canopy of medan texts. She is perhaps best re- through it today. At one place the veiled gold upheld by twelve pillars emblazoned membered of all Mohammedan women, ladies looked out through marble lace- with gems. This throne alone cost \$35, and of all her sex she has the greatest work into a court at the wares which the 000,000. It has been torn to pieces and monument. A famous traveler who pass- jewelers brought there for sale. In an- the most of it carried away. Parts of it ed through here in writing of the Taj other is a marble balcony where the have been patched together again into a shah and Muntaz used to fish in an ar- smaller throne, which is now in the po visit what she thought of the building." is a hall grander than any audience hall As I stood in this audience hall my "I cannot," said she, "tell you what I of the world. There were bathrooms Hindoo guide, who, by the way, is very think, for I know not how to criticise lined with mirrors and rose water foun- conceited, pointed to a Persian inscrip

> During my visit I went through some and as he concluded he said: "When beauties. I read her the inscription and

> > And perhaps the boy told the truth, but

Germany's War Factory Where 70,000 Workmen Toil for the Fatherland

COME of the Secrets of Krupp's - Planned to Place Germany Ahead of All the World as a Military Power-A Workshop Which Occupies a Whole Town-Has Grown From a Cottage Where the Master Labored With Only Six Helpers-Under the Wing of the German Government, This Mammoth Industrial Enterprise Is Able to Force the Petty States of Europe and South America to Place With It Orders for Their Guns and Ships, and Thus Pay Tribute to the Kaiser's Empire-Krupp's in Figures.

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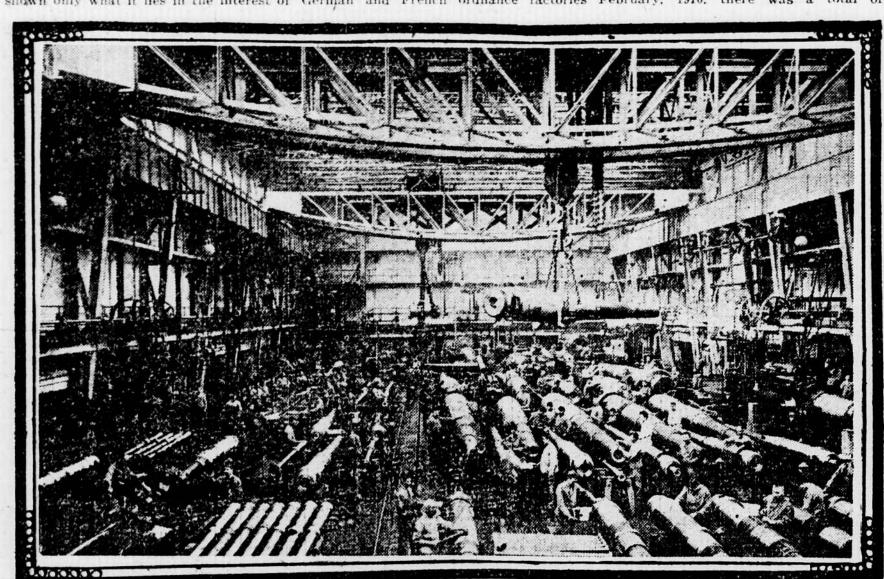


the way of military expansion or aggression, the Krupp works constitute the hinge and pivot on which Germany's military strength turns. They are a constant menace to her foes.

It is here that militant Germany's inventive genius and productive power are concentrated, and here is the birthplace of myriads of engines destined to deal out death and destruction to those who venture to thwart the Teuton will. The Krupp works dominate the whole of Essen, a town of about 300,000 inhabitants. Situated in the center, close to the railway, they, together with their

perhaps, outwitted before the stranger materially assisted the firm in its for- Krupp only implies the Even the highest and most distinguished captured abroad, notably from minor military and artillery officers who have states such as Servia, in the teeth of ception does not correspond to facts. in the midst of one tories in the world.

German business concern. But they are stood in need of financial support. Other steamships at Rotterdam. On the little forge into the huge works of be gained from the fact that to sup-



POTENTIAL DEATH FOR THOUSANDS. A corner in the gun shop in Krupps' Works

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plates, ammunition and shells to German garrisons, forts, ports and harbors, the common talk, that the "monopoly granted to Krupp's and the cern.

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vast gun and humble cottage factory at Essen, now clay which contain the mysterious mix- may be.

his name renowned in every quarter of the globe, is a matter of common knowl-Alfred Krupp died and his son, Friedrich Alfred Krupp, the friend of the taiser, reigned in his stead, continuing he same victorious path until the 22d f November, 1902, when he followed his athers. After his death the works passed into the hands of the eldest

The company is managed by a directorate of ten members, who in their turn are answerable to a board of five members, including Herr Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, the husband of Fraulein Krupp, who possesses practically all the shares

daughter, Fraulein Bertha Krupp, the richest woman in Europe, and was con-

verted into a company with a capital of

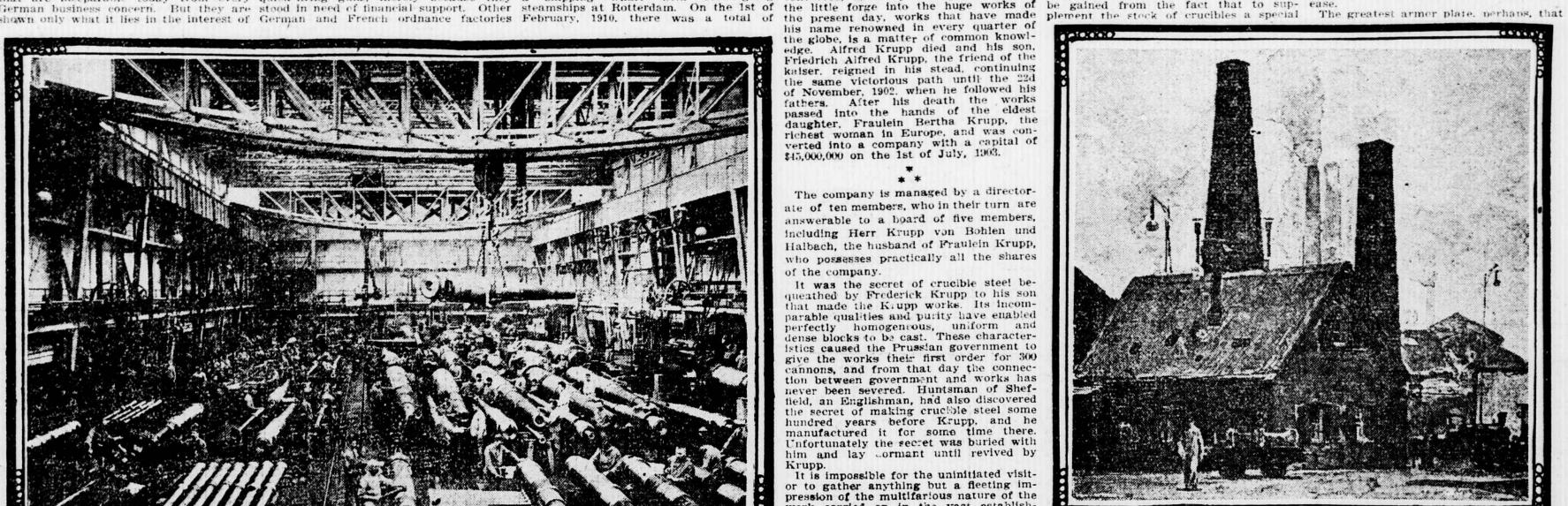
45,000,000 on the 1st of July, 1903.

It was the secret of crucible steel bequeathed by Frederick Krupp to his son that made the Krupp works. Its incomperfectly homogeneous, uniform and dense blocks to be cast. These characteristics caused the Prussian government to give the works their first order for 300 cannons, and from that day the connection between government and works has never been severed. Huntsman of Sheffield, an Englishman, had also discovered the secret of making crucible steel some hundred years before Krupp, and he manufactured it for some time there. Unfortunately the secret was buried with

him and lay cormant until revived by

It is impossible for the uninitiated visitor to gather anything but a fleeting impression of the multifarious nature of the work carried on in the vast establishment, and it would take weeks to visit the sixty-five different departments that exist at Essen alone. In nine long extended cannon shops we see grim monsters of warfare, from the baby mountain gun up to the naval and fortress gun of pottery has been established within the has ever been turned out in this depart-

can approach the precincts of Krupp's eigh trade. Orders have been frequently armor plate factory at Essen. This constant and the 2,224 in the midst of one of the greatest fac- cret of the Krupp family from the time placed under a 5,000-ton hydraulic press; electric motors at work. More than 450 of Friedrich Krupp. The pairs advance after being coaxed, handled and formed miles of cable and wire and over 600 served for years in the German army English, American and French competi- The firm comprises, in addition to the Starting in 1810 in the small cottage singly and tilt the glowing mass into the for half an hour it emerges in the shape telephone stations and 20 telegraph staare allowed to see only a part of the tion; pressure has been brought to bear Essen factory, a huge shipbuilding yard factory with six workmen, Frederick mold in which the giant block is born, of the gigantic shaft of an ocean steam- tions are required to facilitate communiworks, and then only when provided with on such states by the German diplomatic -the "Germania"-at Kiel, three coal Krupp began operations with the dogged In this manner blocks of eighty-five tons ship 150 feet long. By the aid of a ation throughout the works. special passes signed and countersigned representative. It is stated in Germany mines employing 10,000 men, iron ore purpose of achieving fame. Sacrificing have been turned out. The filling goes on special mechanical apparatus the shaft Krupp officials and the German war by those who ought to know that Krupp's mines in Germany and Spain, three huge both resources and health to the object until the desired size has been obtained, is bored, the kernel being extracted in orders have sometimes been made a smelting works at Engers. Neuwied and in view, he bequeathed at his death in The process seems laborious and lengthy, one piece. Other equally famous ma-Strangers who are sufficiently dis- sine qua non for the obtaining of loans Sayn, the Gruson armor-plate works near 1826 nothing but a small forge and his but by its means solid steel blocks of any chines are the hydaulic shears which cut tinguished to obtain special favors from at advantageous terms in the fatherland. Magdeburg, the "Annen" steel works at secret of making crucible steel to his size can be produced which are entirely through three inches of solid armor plate also not be forgotten, as the constant exhe German foreign office are received at Necessitous states have, it is said, gone Annen, the "Friedrich Alfred" smelting son Alfred, then fourteen years of age. free from bubbles and flaws—the despair as if it were cheese. Enormous bending periments and investigations made form Krupp's with the courtesy and amiability so far as to give orders for batteries of the manufacturer. Some idea of the presses of 10,000-ton pressure bend armor the keynote of the high excellence of the that are inseparable today from every quick-firing guns, merely because they a shipping wharf with ocean-going converted, as if by a magician's wand, magnitude of the process involved can plates to any shape desired with infinite



WHERE THE KRUPPS BOUAL. Ancient cottage factory which is carefully preserved as a monument to

attendant institutions cover a area of Germany for them to see, and nothing are embittered by such maneuvers. This 67,662 men employed at these established within the sees and nothing are embittered by such maneuvers. This 67,662 men employed at these established within the sees are mostly found expression and according to the store of the sion in a remonstrance in the German all sides. Two thousand trucks and over fifty locomotives rush along these tracks orders intrusted to their various departs of the mark and of the mark and of the ment was and of the ment was exhibited at Dusseldsner of the side the lion's which truther out octopus-like on selves are mostly in ignorance of the sion in a remonstrance in the German forty feet in length that weigh forty seems and offense are forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far of the side that weigh forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far of the side that weigh forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty found expression as far forty feet in length that weigh forty feet in length of hurding forty feet in length that weigh forty feet in length of hurding forty feet in length that weigh forty feet in length of hurding forty feet in length that weigh forty feet in length of hurding forty feet in length of hurding forty feet in leng

The chemical physical department must Krupp works. Three hundred and twenty thousand defferent analyses and investigations were made there last year.

The works at Essen are provided with three splendid shooting ranges, one fifteen miles in length for heavy artillery, one five miles long and a smaller one for the trial of small guns, armor plate, explosives, etc. Large naval guns are mostly tried at the long range at Meppen. Last year over 35,000 experimental shots were fired, the weight of the projectiles discharged amounting to over 1,200,000 pounds. Foreign officers of all nationalities can be seen at these ranges daily, testing the guns ordered. Thus, Argentine and Chillean, Chinese and Jap anese military commissions follow one another in rapid succession, and it has occurred that guns standing parallel to one another on the shooting range have been pointed at one another in deadly war

The "Germania" shipbuilding yard at Kiel deserves special mention as a Krupt institution where some of the most mod ern of Germany's dreadnoughts are undergoing completion. At the present ment there are seven slips situated there, all of which are fitted up to accommodate ships of the largest size. Four of these slips are covered over. In addition, there is another building slip for ships of special design. The whole of the yard, at which 7,000 men are working at present, is so constructed that in time of necessity all of the different workshops can be extended by at least 30 per cent. Of late years the "Germania" yard has acquired a reputation for fast torpedo boats and submarines. One of the finest ships in the German navy, the dreadhought Schleswig Holstein, bears eloquent testimony to the capabilities of the yard. It is the boast of every German that his country is so thoroughly prepared and organized for war that she could fight her western and eastern neighbors simultaneously. This I believe to be the case. And it is the secret arming carried on with a set purpose, without stir or vaunt. but unwaveringly, that would enable her